Architects:

No name architect:

Plans and specifications for E. S. Bartlett's new meat market received (*Herald*, April 29, 1890)
Plans and specifications for new union depot in hands of Central RR (*Herald*, May 6, 1890)

Bartlett, Benjamin J., Des Moines:

Bartlett had an extensive central Iowa practice from the late 1870s until 1885, at which time he was indicted for forging a name on a bond. He was arrested in Little Rock a year later and was brought back to Des Moines for trial (Shank, p. 16). The arrest was noted in the Herald:

> --B. J. Bartlett, who was the architect of the south school house, was brought back from Arkansas last week to answer at Des Moines to a charge of forgery. If he had his deserts he would probably be brought back to nearly every place where he has had business to answer to some mild form of crookedness. At this place there are a few mourners besides the independent [school] district (*Herald*, March 19, 1886).

Brainerd, William Hungerford:

He was a member of the design firm Brainerd, Leeds and Russell and was an Iowa College graduate. He completed the four-year architectural course at M.I.T. in 1887. He worked in Boston and partnered with Edmund Leeds for over 25 years, beginning in 1898. His Grinnell designs date to that partnership era. The *Herald* noted, in 1903 "Mr. Brainerd is one of Grinnell's boys who has met with the greatest success in the east and his Grinnell friends are proud of him in the work he is doing" (*Herald*, March 17, 1903).

Herrick Chapel, Iowa College, 1903.
The President's House/Grinnell House, 1011 Park, 1917
Mens Quadrangle, Grinnell College, attributed only to "a Boston architect" (*Herald*, March 4, 1910)

Cleveland, Mortimer (1882-1979):

Cleveland was a highly-regarded Waterloo architect as of the turn of the century and he had a successful practice for over half a century. He was trained at Cornell College in Mount Vernon (1902-03) and the University of Illinois (B.S. 1908, M.A. 1915). His Waterloo practice began in 1908 (Shank, pp. 42-44)..

1327 Park Street, 1919

Davenport, Ed

Plans and specification for Elliott Jones' house (*Herald*, December 2, 1884)

Dickinson, Warren, Des Moines engineer:

Golfer and engineer who lays out Grinnell Country Club links (*Herald*, June 5, 1914)

Earle, Steven (1839-Dec. 12, 1913):

An Iowa College graduate athough his architect's biography (Withey) fails to mention it. He was born in Worcester, MA, graduated from M.I.T prior to the Civil War, was trained by Calvert Vaux 1861-62, and

practiced there and in Leicester. He had a number of partners during his career. His Iowa College link came as a result of his friendship with the Mears family, who were married into the Grinnell family.

Goodnow Hall/Library, 1884 (sketches received, *Herald*, August 8, 1884)

Eastman, Charles Edward (1868-1948), Des Moines

Eastman was born in Illinois and was trained as an architect at the University of Illinois (1885-88). He started working in Utah but removed to Des Moines, working as McLeland [John C.] & Eastman, 1891-93. He worked alone until 1919, after which he worked for a single construction company (Shank, p. 55). In Des Moines his house designs are identified by the use of a unique Craftsman style attic light, these are found in 1412 Main and 916 10th Avenue.

Methodist Church, Grinnell (*Herald*, April 28, 1896)
A. W. Bartlett House, 412 Main Street, Grinnell, 1899 (*Des Moines Daily News*, May 31, 1899)
Horace G. Clark, $4,000 residence, 1332 Broad Street (*The American Contractor*, April 23, 1898, p. 28; *Construction News*, April 27, 1898, p. 405)
William Rayburn residence, 1404 Broad Street (*The American Contractor*, May 11, 1901)

Foster & Liebbe, Des Moines:

These designers did a number of commissions in Newton (hotel, business block, residence) so they were clearly in the neighborhood.

Hotel Seaman (post-1889 fire) (*Herald*, January 3, 1890)
Spencer Building, 4th and Main
809 High Street, C. W. H. Beyer (1884)

Giss, Irving, California:

A. L. Frisbee House, 1703 Park Street, 1919 (claims variously to be a Gordon Van Tyne pre-cut or a copy of the Melvin Klauber house, San Diego, designed by Giss (Iowa SHPO files)

Griffin, Walter Burley/Marion Mahoney Griffin, Chicago:

Griffin's Ricker House design is said to represent the architect's emergence as "an architect of independent maturity." Griffin was working independently by 1906 and his best Iowa collective works can be found in the Rock Creek/Rock Glen residential district in Mason City, built 1912-13. Those houses might otherwise have been built in Grinnell, had the Janney Addition not failed (Ricker House National Register Nomination, Iowa SHPO)

Ricker House, 1510 Broad Street, 1911
Clark Memorial Fountain, 1911 (non-extant)
Clark's Re-subdivision (Western Architect, August 1913, Vol. 10, p. 73)

George E. Hallett (1863-post-1910) & Harry Dustan Rawson (1873-1934), Des Moines

Opera House (*Herald*, June 11, 1901)
Grinnell High School (*Herald*, April 7, 1903) (Rawson in city June 2, July 28, 1903)
Malcolm High School (*Herald*, April 7, 1903)
E. H. Spaulding House, 1103 Main Street, c.1905-07
Old Grinnell College Library, now Carnegie Hall
Mears Cottage Expansion, Grinnell College, 1904

North and South Campus residences
Old Grinnell House, in town looking at same prep. To drawing plans to redesign for Poweshiek Club (*Herald*, July 14, 1908)
Brande Apartments-three stories, six units, 4th Avenue, apparently a near-identical copy of another building, likely located in Des Moines given use of a photograph of same when this building was announced, site cleared in late May, started early June, nearly done late August, "the initial step in modern apartment building in Grinnell" (*Herald*, May 28, June 8, August 27, 1909)
Rawson Grandstand, Grinnell College/Ward Field, concrete and iron, 200 feet long, 1,780 seating capacity (*Herald*, August 24, 1909)
Grinnell College Central Heating Plant, $32,000, 72 feet by 105 feet (*Herald*, July 27, 1909)
1333 Park Street, W. S. and Bessie Hendrixson House 1907 (owners have original plans)
1415 Park Street, Rusk-Jordan House, 1909 (owner has blue prints)
H. L. Beyer House, 1414 Broad Street, 1910
Mears Cottage Remodel/Expansion (a Des Moines architectural office mentioned only) (*Herald*, June 30, 1914)
Recitation hall, Grinnell College (*Herald*, January 7, 1916)

Hanlin, James, architect, Grinnell:

The *Herald* (January 17, 1878) lists Hamlin & Duffin. 1878 City Directory, as Hanlin and Company, residence/office Spring between 5th and 6th

Mary Grinnell Mears Cottage, Iowa College campus. Hanlin was hired to "make all the drawings for the exterior and interior finish of the building." He likely also served as superintendent of construction. No record of payments to him as designer have been found (see Charles D. Marvin) (*Herald*, November 13, 1888)
A. O. Clubine & C. G. Capp Building (*Herald*, August 2, 1889)
Hotel Seaman (post-1889 fire) carpentry, (*Herald*, January 3, 1890)
George Mack Building, Commercial and Broad (post-1889 fire) architect (*Herald*, January 3, 1890)

Hartsuck, B. F., architect:

Listed in the 1878 Grinnell City Directory, with office and residence at the south end of Park Street.

Holsman, Henry K. (1866-1963), Chicago:

Holsman was an Iowa College graduate (1891). His 1898 plans for the men's gym were selected as part of a design competition. "Mr. Holsman is getting to the front in good shape and any one wanting plans and specifications will do well to see him" (*Herald*, December 2, 1890) "a student of Iowa College…his work shows he is no novice…" (*Herald*, February 25, 1890). Holsman started experimenting with an automobile design of which he was the inventer, engineer and architect, and organized Holsman Automobile Company in Chicago which successfully produced automobiles from late 1901 through 1910 or 1911. Holsman was the first designer to use a reverse gear and he was the "father of the high-wheeler" a high profile "buggy-like" vehicle with oversized solid rubber wheels that targeted a rural, traditional markt desirous of inexpensive and easily maintained vehicles. Holsman's autos won the infamous Algonquin Hill climb challenge in Illinoisthat used a manilla rope to transmit power from the engine to the wheels. His "high-wheeler" was introduced at the January 1903 Chicago Automobile Show. During his career Holsman designed 1,000 homes, 10 churches, and numerous college buildings including the entire Parson's College campus at Fairfield (non-extant) (*Herald*, February 16, 1904; www.holsmanautomobile.com). There is "An Historic Outline of the Life of Henry K. Holsman AB-AIA" in the John Kleinschmidt Papers, Grinnell College Special Collections, Box 4, Folder 4, and that document appears to credit a younger brother with the automobile venture.

Herman Heesch residence, located just south of the city (*Herald*, December 2, 1890)
Dr. E. B. Wiley residence, Queen Anne style, Broad between 5th and 6th
Ladies' Gymnasium, Iowa College (*Herald*, June 11, 1897)
Men's Gymnasium, Iowa College (*Herald*, October 28, 1898

Hyland [Paul V.?] and Green, architects, Chicago:

Grinnell Savings Bank, Fourth Street between Main and Broad (*Herald*, April 18, 1913)

Josselyn, Henry Saville (1849-1934):

Josselyn worked in construction beginning in 1870 and was the son of Independence builder/architect George Josselyn. He briefly attended M.I.T. and travelled abroad. For two years, he partnered with his father and operated the Cedar Rapids branch office of that firm. Beginning in early 1882 he partnered with Eugene H. Taylor (see below) and the Alumni Hall design was a product of that early collaboration, and is attributed to Josselyn (Shank, pp. 90-92).

Grinnell College Alumni Hall, Iowa College Campus, 1882
Residence for Lucious Sanders, built 1883 (pre-dates Taylor's association with Josselyn & Taylor) (Herald lauds as "a pleasing variety in the style of architecture." A replacement of the 'square box." "Unique and handsome without being loud." (*Herald*, November 11, 1884)
Lewis Cass and H. D. Works Block, Broad & Commercial (post-1889 fire), Joselyn & Taylor (*Herald*, January 3, 1890)
Fred and Ed Vest Bros. Building, pressed brick front, $5,000 cost (post-1889 fire) (*Herald*, January 3, 1890)
C. R. Morse Building, Broad and 4th, pressed brick and stone front, $20,000 cost (post-1889 fire) (*Herald*, January 3, 1890)
Mrs. H. B. Scott Building (post-1889 fire), Joselyn & Taylor (*Herald*, January 3, 1890)
New City Hall, (post-1889 fire) (*Herald*, January 3, 1890)
1121 Park, D. S. and Francie Morrison residence (aka Nollen House), 1902
W. Sanders House, 1913 (American Contractor, Feb. 22, April 5, 1913)

Ladehoff, John/Ladehoff & Sohn, Clinton, Iowa:

Ladehoff opened his design practice in Clinton in 1907 and in 1915 partnered with Frank Sohn for two years. Ladehoff finally moved to Davenport where he worked for he Rock Island Sash and Door Company (Shank, p. 103).

Ulysses M. & Ida Hibbetts House, 1116 Main Street, plans by Ladehoff & Sohn, dated March 14, 1916

Larrabee, A. J., architect/builder

Listed in the 1878 Grinnell City Directory, with office and residence at Broad and 7th

A. J. LARRABEE,
ARCHITECT AND BUILDER
Office at Residence, Cor. Broad St. and 7th Ave.,
GRINNELL, IOWA.
Plans, Specifications and Estimates
FURNISHED ON SHORT NOTICE,
AND CONTRACTS SOLICITED.
Advertisement, 1879 Grinnell City Plat Map

Dr. Clark House (near Prof. Buck's, to be occupied by H. K. Snider), "one of the prettiest and most unique in town-high-peaked roof, turreted south two-story bay. A. Larrabee designer and builder (*Herald*, September 12, 1882).
1132 Broad Street, residence per above advertisement, daughter Leona attributes to him February 1945, 1868

Lewis, J. P., architect:

Listed in the 1878 Grinnell City Directory, with office and residence on West Street between 5th and 6th.

Liebbe, Henry Frantz (1851-1927), Des Moines:

County asylum, Montezuma (*Herald*, May 15, 1900)

Maher, George Washington, Chicago:

Maher (1864-1926) started out as a draftsman under Joseleph Lymann Silsbee in Chicago in 1887, where he worked along side Frank Lloyd Wright. He partnered with Cecil Corwin 1888 and accounts conflict, one stating that he was on his own by 1888, the other that the partnership lasted until June 1893, at which time he went to Europe for a year of study and sketching. His Morse House design would have immediately followed that effort. He was living in Kenilworth, Illinois during the early 1890s when he did his Grinnell design work. He is credited with 270 designs and last worked in 1926 (Sprague, Paul E. Guide to Frank Lloyd Wright & Prarire School Architecture. Oak Park, Pennsylvania: Village of Oak Park, 1986, p. 92).

Henry and Catherine Spencer House, 1110 Main, 1892
Charles R. Morse House, 904 High Street, 1894

Marvin, Charles D., New York:

Mears Cottage, Iowa College Campus, 1888 (Gebhard, p. 238, Iowa College Catalog, 1885-89). Marvin's final payment ($25) was authorized August 23, 1888, but any earlier payments have not been found. Local architect James Hanlin was hired to "make all the drawings for the exterior and interior finish of the building" when Marvin's "exorbitant price "for the working details and drawings" was rejected by the college trustees. Hanlin likely also served as superintendent of construction. No record of payments to him as designer have been found (see Charles D. Marvin) (*Herald*, November 13, 1888)

Merrill, Samuel:

Not an architect, but his ideas formed the final design by C. D. Marvin. The original building was first conceptualized in 1884 (see Eugene Taylor), scaled down by mid-1885. At that time the Building Committee intrusted Merrill with securing an architect's design. At this time the building scale had been reduded to 16 units, half of the as-built figure, so it is not yet determined how the 1885 concept was reflected in the 1887 final plans by Marvin (RGTR, June 20, 1885, pp. 122, 131).

Normile, John (1896-1985), Des Moines:

Normile graduated from Saint Thomas College, St. Paul, and the University of Illinois (1917) and saw engineer service during World War I. Postwar he attendedt he Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris for four months as part a government architectural training program. His partner, Amos B. Emery also participated. Normile worked for Boyd & Moore, Des Moines, from 1920-24 working as field superintendent then as chief draftsman. He entered into his own practice prior to 1925 and worked as Normile & Emery, 1927-28 through 1930. He then again went solo. He was a noted house design editor for Better Homes and Gardens beginning in 1931, continuing in that role for three decades. His Grinnell design would have been one of his earlier commissionsas an independent architect (Shank, p. 122).

St. Marys Roman Catholic Church, 1000 Broad Street, 1926 (Iowa SHPO files)

Nourse, Clinton C., Des Moines:

Visits Grinnell with William Parsons (*Herald*, January 25, 1895)
Plans for new hotel, Main and Park streets for I. B. Cappron (*Herald*, February 14, 1899)

Palmer, Austin:

Architect Palmer designed 1521 Park Street (1948).

Porter, William, architect:

He appears in the 1894/1895 Grinnell City Directory, and was boarding at the Manitou House.

Proudfoot, Bird and Rawson, Des Moines:

Rawson was an Iowa College graduate and certainly served as the point of contact for his firm with Grinnell clients after 1910 at which time he joined Proudfoot and Bird, Des Moines architects. Only the Colonial Theater pre-dates that affiliation.

<u>College Buildings:</u>

Women's Dormitories, #1-3, 1914, and numbers 4-5, 1915 and Addition (three sets of plans)
Men's Dormitories, numbers 1-3, dormitories 5-6 (1917) (two sets of plans)
Swimming Pool (1916)
Library
Recitation Building/Recitation Building & Hall (two sets of plans)
Grandstand
Powerhouse and addition (two sets of plans)
Darby Men's Gymnasium (1941), built 1942
Cowles Dormitory Addition (1941)

Science Building (1951)

Commercial Buildings:

Grinnell Herald Building, 813 5th
Colonial Theatre/Opera House (1901)
Gifford & Manly Building [Elks?] (1914)
F. E. & G. H. Spaulding Office Building
Spaulding Manufacturing-Commercial Building

Other Buildings:

Grinnell High School
Grinnell Country Club, 1914
Grinnell Community Hospital (1918)
Grinnell Community Hospital Detention Center (1920) (likely not built)
Grinnell Fair Association Public Playgrounds (1919)

Private Residences:

E. B. Brande/Dawson Apartments/Flats
Moyle, W. T., (1910-12) 1504 Broad
Bartling, F. R., (1911) 1326 Broad
Buchanan, T. H. (1910-13) [Thomas H. & Rosa Buchanan, 1030 East, 1910-20 Census]
Neely, E. M. (1910-13) [Earl M. & Esther Neely, 1017 High, 1910-20 Census]
Hutchinson, Philip (1911) 1415 Broad
Ricker, A. L. (1912) [not found]
Lyon, Arthur C. (1913) 1430 Broad
Lemley, L.G . (1914) 1333 Broad
Johnson, Henry (1916) [found only 1910, with wife Melissa, aged 62, 1817 6th Avenue][1]

Rayburn, W. C.

Rayburn was the initial architect of the Uncle Sam Club (see Eugene Taylor) (Herald, February 11, 1902).

Richardson-Lovejoy Company, Columbus, Ohio:

Six buildings for the expanded Grinnell Brick and Tile Company (*Herald*, April 30, 1906)

Schreiner, B., Des Moines Engineer:

Sets city grades, 1906 (*Herald*, July 20, 1906)

Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Chicago: (Gebhard, p. 238)

Mears Cottage, Grinnell College Campus, 1959 remodel (Gebhard, p. 238)
Burling Library, Grinnell College Campus, 1959, renovation 1982-83
Fine Arts Center/Roberts Theater, Grinnell College Campus, 1961
The Forum/College Union, Grinnell College Campus, 1971

[1] John Kleinschmidt's Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson list (Box 6, Folder 15) simply doesn't foot with any other list, most notably the archtects' inventory itself: 1325 Third, 1424 Fourth, 1210 Fifth, 813-15 Seventh, 819 9th, 914 Center, 1315, 1326, 1333, 1414, 1415 Broad, 919 East, 1015 East, 929 Elm, 1327, 1421, 1429 Main, 1415 Park, 1532 Spencer, 1234 Sumner. 1414 Broad is a Hallett & Rawson design.

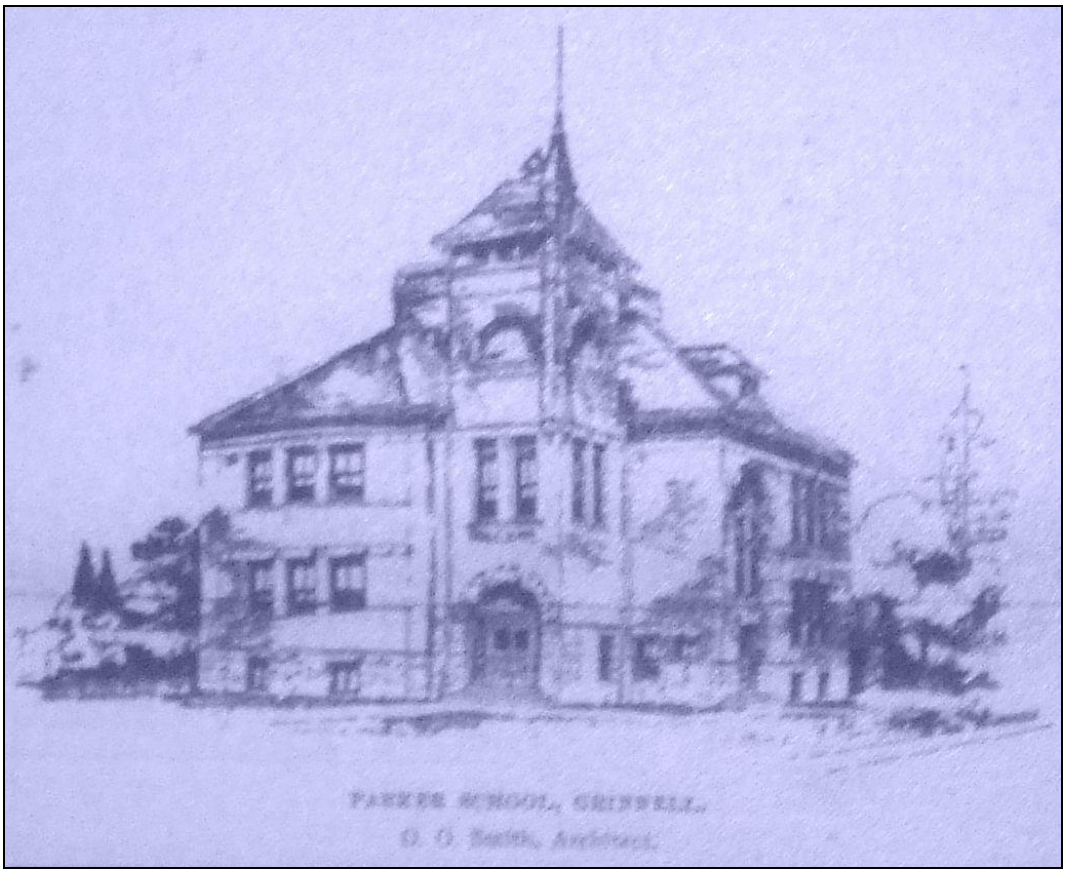
Simmons and Neil, architects:

City Council authorizes access to city records so they can prepare a plat of water taps, hydrants and sewers (*Herald*, June 9, 1905)

Smith, Oliver O/Smith & Gunderson (1868-1916), Des Moines:

Smith was a highly rated designer and entrepreneur. He was Des Moines born and was said to have trained in Boston and St. Louis. He was in practice as early as 1894, but was working independently when he did his Grinnell school design work. His successive major partnerships were Smith & Gutterson [Frank A.], c.1898-1901; Smith & Gage [Alvah J.], c.1902-1905; Smith & Wetherell [Frank E.], 1905-1907; and Smith, Wetherell & Gage, 1907-1908 (Shank, pp. 151-152).

Parker School, Grinnell, (*Herald*, January 26, 1897)
Des Moines Public Library (*Herald*, January 21, 1899) The editors were proud that their school designer won the design competition for the capital city's library



Parker School, O. O. Smith architect
(*Herald*, April 5, 1901)

Stevens, C. O., Boston architect:

Son of L. O. Stevens, Grinnell, visits home (*Herald*, October 14, 1898)

Stoneroad, S. A., Des Moines architect:

Dr. Dan Powell's new house, East Street (*Herald*, July 1, 1887)

(Warren Little's new house on Park St. has plan similar to Powell's-same architect? *Herald*, September 6, 1887)
Remodeling of C. W. H. Beyer's House, High Street, full attic and several rooms, Stoneroad is supt. Of construction so probable architect (*Herald*, May 10, 1887)

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Sullivan, Louis, Chicago:

Merchant's National Bank, 1913-14

Taylor, Eugene Hartwell (1853-1924), Cedar Rapids:

Taylor moved with his widowed mother to Grinnell in 1872 and graduated from Iowa College (B.S., 1876). He was further trained at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (two year course, 1878). Taylor attempted to set up a practice in Grinnell. He worked in Chicago prior to partnering with Henry Josselyn in Cedar Rapids, beginning in early 1882. Taylor ran the Des Moines branch office of the firm until 1886, when the firm consolidated to Cedar Rapids (Shank, pp. 91, 159-161). It is important that Taylor was chosen to design the original concept for Mears Cottage, one of a group of post-cyclone new campus buildings (see Samuel Merrill).

Alumni Hall, Iowa College, 1882 (Josselyn & Taylor)
Ladies Cottage/Mears Hall-original 1884 design, Josselyn & Taylor, to cost $17,000 if of brick/stone, $15,000 if frame (Record GroupTR-Board of Trustees, July 7, 1884, p. 109)
Mr. Sander's home and several others (*Herald*, January 8, 1884)
Nollen House, 1121 Park Street, 1903
Uncle Sam's Club (pro-bono design) (non-extant) (*Herald*, January 30, 1903)
Interior Telephone Company Building-credited to Josselyn and Taylor (*Herald*, July 19, September 3, 1912)

Temple & Burrows, Davenport:

Seth Justin Temple (1867-1949) and Park Tunis Burrows (1871-1953) comprised an outstanding architectural design firm from Davenport, Iowa. The partners reorganized as Temple and Burrows in 1910, having previously practiced with a third partner. Burrows retired in 1925, while Temple remained professionally active up until his death (Shank, pp. 37, 160-62).

1527 Broad Street, Jesse L. Fellows House (1914-15)

Treat, E. J.

Child's new block (*Herald*, August 15, 1884)

Weirick, Robert W., landscape architect, Des Moines:

Plan for Merrill Park, dated October 31, 1916

Weyrick, H. F., landscape architect, Des Moines (likely same as above)

Landscape plans for new recitation hall, Grinnell College (*Herald*, January 7, 1916)
Grinnell College campus designs for 8th Street, quadrangles (*Herald*, August 6, 1915)

Williams, C. A., architect, Webster City:

Baptist Church (*Herald*, May 17, 1889)

Builder/Contractors:

Allen, Eli, Grinnell house mover:

See *Herald* February 20, 1903, apparently refers to two houses in Kellogg
Fined $5 for moving West Grinnell house without a permit (*Herald*, Aug. 26, 1902)

Bernard & Case, well drillers:

Contracts for well/cisterns for fire company in each ward, at College gate, on 6th, and in 3rd Ward (*Herald*, August 3, 9, 1886)

Black, Charles M., contractor:

The *Herald* (January 17, 1878) lists him as a carpenter. He is listed in the 1880-81 Iowa State Gazettere as a carpenter.

Elevator in Malcolm (*Herald*, August 26, 1898)
Charles and Herb Black, raised new fire alarm bell on derrick above buildings so it could be heard (Herald, December 10, 1886)

Black, G. H., contractor:

Probably C. H. Black, who appears in the 1878 Grinnell City Directory, as a carpenterl located on High south of the railroad.

Large building at Rock Island, Illinois (*Herald*, August 23, 1898)

Black, Herb, contractor:

Builds own cottage, south end East Street (*Herald*, September 15, 1882)
Builds elevator in Rippey, from Grinnell (*Herald*, September 22, 1896)

Clark and Fellows:

House for Prof. J. D. Stoops, 10th & Park (*Herald*, July 17, 1908)
1503 Park Street (water record, 1908)

Clendenin, F., carpenter:

The *Herald* (January 17, 1878) lists him as a carpenter.

Clubine & Capp:

George Mack Building, Commercial and Broad (post-1889 fire) carpentry (*Herald*, January 3, 1890)

Coutts, Alex:

Coutts resided for some time in Kansas City before returning to Grinnell in the fall of 1888, taking up residence in the Brown residence in the south part of the city (*Herald*, September 14, 1888).

Dr. Ward's porch, Gilman (*Herald*, August 20, 1899)
Contract for stone sidewalks, Montezuma square (*Herald*, September 6, 1898)

Coutts, Robert G.(1856-post-1923), masonry contractor:

Coutts was Scottish-born in June 1855 and came to the U.S. in 1874, settling first at Ewart. He marriedAlvaretta Farley September 15, 1881, and the couple had eight children, two of whom earned engineering degrees at Iowa State University. In 1877 he relocated to Grinnell. He appears in the 1894/1895 Grinnell City Directory, located at 819 Main (residence 1202 1st Avenue or Hamilton Avenue). That house survives and was the Coutts residence from 1886-1905. It is said to have gained a "third floor" but this is in reference to attic-level dormers and needs to be investigated. The house is recommended as being individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places due to its association with Grinnell's most successful contractor-builder. He resided at 510 High Street as of 1900. His wife Alva Retta Coutts was born in New York in 1860. The couple had eight children, seven who survived as of 1900, all born between 1885 and 1899. All the children had middle names, and the full names were given to the census enumerator. Coutts was featured in a lengthy Grinnel *Herald* article. His list of Grinnell buildings included the Methodist Church, the Buchanan & Pierson Market, a stone commercial front on Broad Street, and the masonry work on the homes of S. Pettit, S. S. Preston, J. A. Flook, T. H. Buchanan and N. Harrington. Nearby commissions included the Congregational Church in Newton and the Normal College in Newton, the Kellogg Public School, Spaulding Office Block, Newton Post Office (last three, *Herald*, July 18, 1902). As of 1897 he employed 20-40 workers. A photo of Mr. Coutts accompanied the 1904 annual progress report (*Herald*, December 16, 1904). He was active as late as 1910 when he was listed in the 1910 city directory (p. 61, 819 Main Street). Coutts served two years as Grinnell's mayor and was very active in both the Iowa League of Municipalities and the Cement Users Convention, of which he served on the Legislative Committee (*Herald*, January 25, Feb. 8, 1907). It doesn't hurt that Coutts prepared a list of his buildings (*R. G. Coutt's Record of Grinnell Building, 1873-1923*) a copy of which is to be found in the Kleinschmidt Papers (Box 3, Folder 2). This list is of tremendous value from a contextual standpoint. While Coutts clearly listed only his major jobs and tended to not list his residential building efforts (mostly foundation work), the list provides a sense of the pace of construction year to year. Some years, 1878, 1886-87, 1898 and 1906 have no listings, while many years had just one or two jobs. The data in the list foots well with other sources and Coutts fails to distinguish between those jobs where he did only part of the work, say for masonry work alone. As a result some contracts which he claims were also assigned to other builders, the 1889 buildings in particular, but the Baptist Church being a good example. Finally, Coutt's list includes only his Grinnell buildings so it must have been produced with local history in mind).

1875 Improvements
Union Block (E. S. Barlett, Dr. Hedge, aka Odd Fellows Bldg.)
Phelps Block
Mowbray Block (these were the only brick blocks on Commercial, 4th , Broad and Main)
1876
Chapin House (3rd and Park, three-story brick)
Spaulding Factory (east side Main north of 4th)
1877
South School (frame building)
Stone Congregational Church
Preston Opera House and Masonic Hall
Hatch Block (4th and Main)
Stewart Block (913 Broad)
Cistern for H. G. Little-arch collapses and Coutts suffers a broken left leg, being laid up for 6-8 weeks (*Herald*, February 21, 1888)

1879

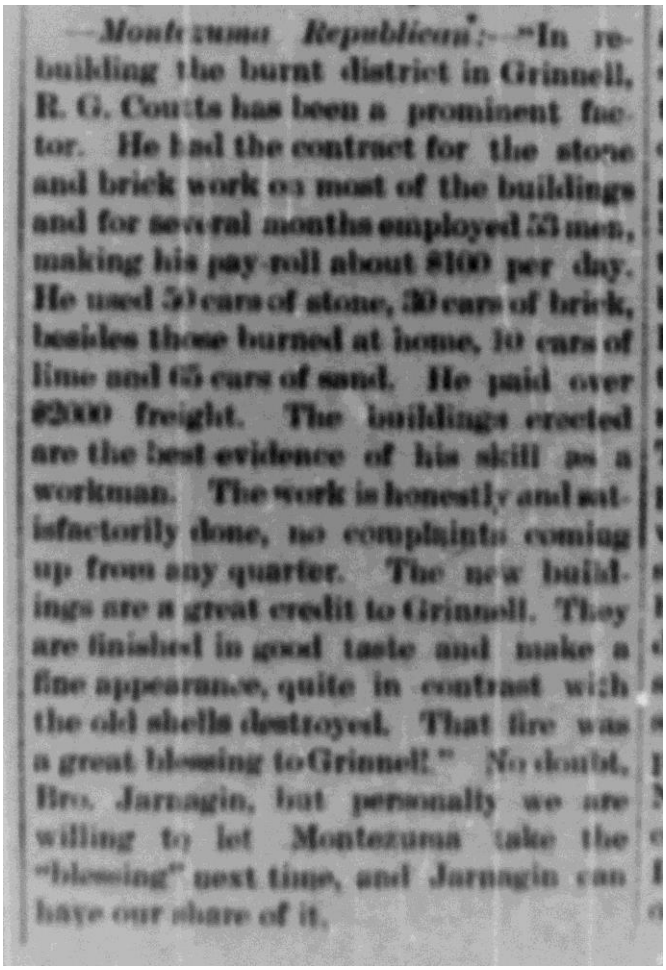
Eagle Block (W. A. Propst, 803-05 4th)

1881

Citizen's Bank (Michael Snider, 815 4th)
Ames Bank (L. E. Spencer, east side Main)

1882

Alumni Hall, Iowa College campus
Blair Hall, Iowa College campus
Chicago Hall, Iowa College campus



—*Montezuma Republican*:—"In rebuilding the burnt district in Grinnell, R. G. Coutts has been a prominent factor. He had the contract for the stone and brick work on most of the buildings and for several months employed 53 men, making his pay-roll about $100 per day. He used 50 cars of stone, 30 cars of brick, besides those burned at home, 10 cars of lime and 65 cars of sand. He paid over $2000 freight. The buildings erected are the best evidence of his skill as a workman. The work is honestly and satisfactorily done, no complaints coming up from any quarter. The new buildings are a great credit to Grinnell. They are finished in good taste and make a fine appearance, quite in contrast with the old shells destroyed. That fire was a great blessing to Grinnell." No doubt, Bro. Jarnagin, but personally we are willing to let Montezuma take the "blessing" next time, and Jarnagin can have our share of it.

(*Herald*, December 6, 1889)

1883

Goodnow Hall, Iowa College campus
Herrick & Chamberlain Building (south side 4th)

1884

Spencer Block (4th & Main, 801 4th)

1885

Holyoke Building (809 4th)
George Marsh Building (Main & Commercial)

1886

Contract for stonework for new mill in Malcolm (*Herald*, August 24, 1886)

1888

Mears Cottage, Iowa College campus (Coutts makes a note that there was no brick construction until after the 1889 fire but his intended meaning is unclear-Mears was a brick building)

1889

Mack Hotel (Broad and Commercial)
Fire Station
Foster & Bailey Building
Herald Office (north side Commercial)
Chaffee Building (north side Commercial)
Lewis Cass and H. D. Works Block, Broad & Commercial (post-1889 fire), masonry, (*Herald*, January 3, 1890, also on Coutt's list)
Vest Building (likely foundation only)
Potter Building
Morse Building
H. P. Proctor Block, (post-1889 fire), masonry (*Herald*, January 3, 1890, also on Coutt's list)
Builds house for self, Summer Street bet. 3rd & 4th Avenues, stone and brick (*Herald*, November 8, 1889)
Hotel Seaman (post-1889 fire) (*Herald*, January 3, 1890, also on Coutt's list) (north side Commercial)
W. P. Jenkins Building, (post-1889 fire), masonry, pressed brick with metal cornice (*Herald*, January 3, 1890) (Jenkin's Harness Shop, later housed Grinnell State Bank, demolished 1913)
Baptist Church (finished 1890)
Masonry, H. H. Sprague House, S. City (just south of Coutt's res) (*Herald*, October 1, 1889)
Foundation, A. O. Clubine & C. G. Capp Building (*Herald*, August 2, 1889)
Grinnell Produce Co., foundation done (Kellogg *Enterprise*, December 13, 1889)

1890

Masonry contract, E. S. Bartlett's new meat market (*Herald*, March 17, May 16, 1890) Coutts lists as the Kimball Building, for E. S. Bartlett, 811 4th
Addition to own residence, brick, on Lake View Hill (*Herald*, February 21, April 8, 1890)
Harvey, Mahaska County, Iowa-Coutts apparently built a number of new factory buildings here (*Herald*, November 25, 1890)

1891

North Meat Market (replaces burned Broad Street Hotel (C. R. Morse)
Gifford & Manley Block (brick)

1892

Beyer Block
Railroad Passenger Station (Union Depot?)
1893
R. G. Coutts Office Building (917 Broad)
First brick portion of Spaulding complex

1894

Miles Brothers (these two addressed as 921-927 Broad)
W. H. Barker
Clark, Coutts & Beyer (Coutts adds second story to his "building", to rent upper level to Harry Wise (*Herald*, January 19, 1894)
City Water Works
Two story stone business block, Broad Street (*Herald*, January 12, 16-17, February 23, 1894)

1895

United Methodist Church, 5th & Park, 1895 (Iowa SHPO files)
Original Glove Factory
806 4th Avenue

1896

Brick block for Bowers & McDonald, south side Commercial, brick and stone front (*Herald*, April 21, 1896)

1897

Rand Gymnasium, Iowa College campus

Foundation, Ladies' Gymnasium, Iowa College (*Herald*, June 11, August 3, 1897) (special notice taken of Des Moines rock faced brick used between foundation and water table)
22x24 addition to Beyer Block (*Herald*, April 16, 1897)
Sam Failor's new house, 4th West (*Herald*, Feb. 19, 1897)
Basement for Phil Germon's new house, 2nd West (*Herald*, October 26, 1897)

1898

Accepts contracts for five new Grinnell residences in a single day (*Herald*, March 15, 1898)
Bakery building for Rapson & Moyle, Gifford and Manly lot (*Herald*, April 12, 1898)
Gilman Block for Editor Darrah of the Dispatch (workforce includes G. W. Mulligan, H. H. Sprague, E. Manson, Wm. McLain and Jas. Stewart) (*Herald*, April 19, 1898)
Creamery for T. S. Cartwright, Luray, Marshall County (same workforce as above) (*Herald*, April 19, 1898)
Courthouse addition, Montezuma, $4,000, 24x60, large brick vaults (beats out Geo. Sampson), done mid-September (*Herald*, June 24, 1898)
Marengo Masonic Building, misses entire project by $5 in bidding, masonry only ("Robert is getting to be quite metropolitan in his reputation. He is also doing work at Montezuma and Newton") (*Herald*, August 16, 19, 1898)

1899

4th Avenue Building for Haines & Lymann/John Skabel) (*Herald*, February 1, 1899)
Men's Gymnasium, Iowa College (*Herald*, October 28, 1898, Coutts lists for 1899)
Cooper School
Spaulding Block (912-18 Main)

1900

Glove Factory rear addition, 27x40 (*Herald*, February 6, 13, 1900, Coutts lists)
Corrough's Building (4th & Main)

1901

Refitting old Spaulding foundry (added second floor, new interior) (*Herald*, April 16, 1901)
Dr. Austin's brick house, Newton (*Herald*, April 12, 1901)
Brick bank building/Odd Fellows Hall for L. H. Sherman, New Sharon (*Herald*, September 6, 1901
Brick bank, Kellogg (*Herald*, May 24, 1901) (see 1908 for re-building of burned bank)
Colonial Theater (5th & Main)
Longshore Building
IOOF Storefront

1902

Stewart Library, masonry contract (*Herald*, May 13, 1902, Coutts lists for 1901).
Spaulding Manufacturing Company Office Building

1903

Ray & Cowden printing plant addition (Commercial Street)
Grinnell High School (*Herald*, August 23, 1903) (first part)
Montezuma High School (*Herald*, May 5, 1903 (see same May 12 wherein Coutts finds his men demolishing the county courthouse, likely tongue in cheek)
Addition to north end of Mears Cottage, Iowa College, three-story brick, 43x48 (*Herald*, June 30, 1903)
Large addition to own residence, S. Grinnell, almost a new brick house (*Herald*, April 24, 1903)
Kock Manufacturing Company (3rd and Main, later Grinnell Washing Machine Company)

1904

Part of D. A. Laros & Sons Factory (concrete block foundation, first industrial building to be completely build of Coutt's concrete blocks, north side of 4th at Spring Street) (*Herald*, August 5, 1904)
West Feed Shed (West Street north of 4th)
Inman Planing Mill (now part of Grinnell Washing Machine Company) (concrete block)
High School heating plant

1905

Carnegie Library, Grinnell College campus

Mullins Drug, new storefront or façade
Presbyterian Church
Lost bid competition to Anton Zwack of Dubuque for Methodist Church, Montezuma (*Herald*, March 24, April 17, 1905)[

1907

Armory Building, 816 5th (later United Grocery)
E. H. Spaulding Residence, 1103 Main Street
To Newton to bid on new high school, losing the job to Loomis Bros. Of Cedar Rapids. This was a major bidding opportunity, the winning bid totalling $44,975. There were eight bidders and Coutts was $300 below the average bid. This effort on his part reflects his venture (or at least an attempt to venture) into building larger buildings (*Herald*, June 18, 1907)
Herrick Chapel
YMCA Building

1908

Smith Furniture (929 Broad Street, Coutts credits Clark, Coutts, and Beyer)
Bank building, Newburg (brick, pressed brick front, 20x30), starts work (*Herald*, August 4, 1908)
Replacement bank building, Kellogg (he built the first one with brick veneer, it burned), much better, solid brick, 44x80 (*Herald*, September 29, 1908)

1909

Gas Plant-Peoples Light and Fuel Company (on Coutt's list but also credited to American Construction Company, Newton, three brick buildings worth $45,000) (*Herald*, May 25, 1909)
Brande Apartments, 4th Street, site cleared late May, work started June, nearly finished late August 1909 (*Herald*, May 28, June 8, August 27, 1909)
Grinnell College Central Heating Plant

1910

West unit, Spaulding Manufacturing Company Factory
Business block in Montezuma, replacing one burned some time ago (*Herald*, May 27, 1910)

1911

B. J. Ricker's Residence, 1510 Broad Street

1912

J. W. Norris Livery Barn (4th & State)
Grinnell Canning Factory (group of brick buildings) (*Herald*, May 7, 31, July 23, August 27, 1912)
Interior Telephone Office

1913

Two sections of the Laros Buggy Factory
Second section, Grinnell Washing Machine Company Plant
J. E. Craven's Opera House, 44x80 with 14' ceiling, Kellogg, Iowa (*Herald* copies *Kellogg Enterprise*, March 25, 1913, not on Coutt's list).

1914

Merchants National Bank
Elks Building/Gifford-Manly Block, 4th and Main, excavation and concrete foundation only (Herald, July 24, 1914)
College Quadrangle, Grinnell College campus

1915

Women's dormitories, Grinnell College campus

1916

Herald Building (first truly fireproof building in Grinnell)
Recitation Building, Grinnell College campus
Strand Theatre
White Star Oil Company Station (5th & Main, Grinnell's first modern filling station)

Register Building (5th & Broad)

1917

Davis School
Men's dormitories, Grinnell College campus
Masonic Temple
Stahl Building, 5th Avenue, west of Herald Building
Dickerson Building, 5th Avenue, west of Herald Building
Harding Building, Main Street
Power Plant (south of railroad)

1918

Community Hospital
St. Francis Hospital

1919

Third section, Grinnell Washing Machine Company Plant

1920

Lamberson-Heunt Building (Main south of 6th)

1921

Final unit, High School

1922

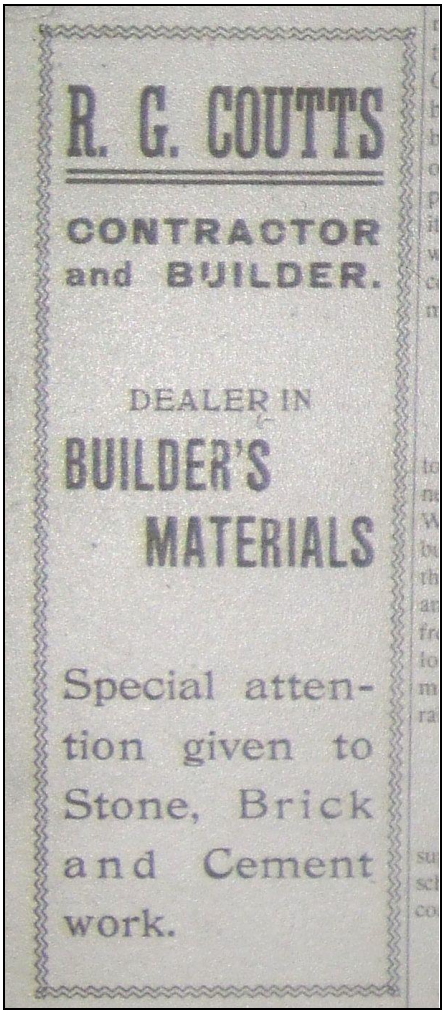
Hagen Bros. Garage

1923

Grinnell Poultry & Egg Company Building (West Street)

1932

Charles H. Spencer House, 611 6th Avenue, moved from 1010 Spring 1932, Coutts credited with basement (Iowa SHPO files)



Coutts advertisement (*Herald*, April 15, 1904)

Craver, Steele & Austin:

Carpentry contract for new ladies boarding hall (Mears) (*Herald*, June 12, 1888).

Foreman C. A. Dean and a corps of company carpenters prepared the woodwork and presumably did the carpentry work for the Mary Grinnell Mears Cottage, Iowa College. George Moncton, foreman of the paint department, did the painting. Partner Austin was a college trustee and made the offer to the college for the company to do this work at cost (*Herald*, November 13, 1888).

Cullison, William H.:

He is listed in the 1880-81 Iowa State Gazettere as a stone mason.

Daniels, C. E., general contractor, Grinnell:

Advertises as non-union man, now in city, all classes of work (*Herald*, March 19, 1915)

Driskell Brothers, house movers:

Advertise as raising buildings, doing foundation work (*Herald*, April 7, 1914)

Charles H. Spencer House, 611 6th Avenue, moved from 1010 Spring 1932, (Iowa SHPO files)

Duffin, Joe:

The *Herald* (January 17, 1878) lists Hamlin & Duffin. He is listed in the 1880-81 Iowa State Gazettere as a carpenter. He was one of two carpenters to be listed in the 1882-83 Iowa State Gazettere. Not found, 1900 census.

Sam Failor House, 4th Avenue (*Herald*, Feb. 19, 1897)

Ellsworth, John W., house carpenter:

Ellsworth was born in 1838 in New Hampshire and his wife Adelaide, was born in Vermont in 1841. They married in 1864 and resided at 1016 Elm Street as of 1900. He is listed as a carpenter/builder in the 1878 Grinnell City Directory, "general job work," no office given. He is listed in the 1880-81 Iowa State Gazettere as a carpenter.

Fancy touches to Mrs. Williar's house, several porches, East Street (*Herald*, June 4, 1897)

Failor, George A., carpenter

Merchants National Bank interior carpentry (*Herald*, June 4, 1897)

Farr, George, carpenter

New roof for C. W. Pearce's country house (*Herald*, October 21, 1902)

Fenderson, W. C.:

Barn for W. H. Simmons, Oak Grove, "back to town" (*Herald*, August 5, 1898)

Fitzsimmons, Thomas:

Schoolhouse #7, Grinnell Township (from Girnnell) (*Herald*, May 31, 1904)

Furber, Joseph B., contractor:

Furber (1817-1900) was building houses as of late 1893 although the 1894 city directory lists him as a farmer. He built his own residence at 1023 North Main Street (house number from 1894 city directory). He is not listed in the 1900 directory (*Herald*, October 2, 1893).

George, Jack P., carpenter

H. H. Sprague House, S. City (*Herald*, October 1, 1889)
Carpentry contract, E. S. Bartlett's new meat market (*Herald*, March 17, May 16, 1890)
Herald Building, (post-1889 fire) carpentry, (*Herald*, January 3, 1890)
W. P. Jenkins Building, (post-1889 fire), carpentry (*Herald*, January 3, 1890)

Grier, John (apparently not from Grinnell):

Colonial Theater
Malcolm High School ($8,736, beats Grant Inman with next lowest bid, *Herald*, May 8, 1903)

Grover, H. M., contractor/builder:

Arrives with some fanfare in mid-April 1888, "to take advantage of our boom," departs quietly in September 1888 (*Herald*, April 17, 20, September 4, 1888).

Harriman, James Thomsas, Contractor:

He came to Grinnell in 1856 and finished his own house by 1858 at the corner of First Avenue and West Street. He worked 50 years as a contractor. The *Herald* (January 17, 1878) lists him as a carpenter. His son Augustus C. Thomas graduated from Iowa College and worked with his father. He later opened a planing mill prior to turning to becoming a merchant. He served on the school board, City Council and was City Clerk beginning in 1907.

Hartsock, B. F., architect/contractor/carpenter

1878 City Directory, residence/office South end of Park St.
In charge of remodeling of Leasure House (*Herald*, November 10, 1882)
A. J. Miller residence, High Street, enlargement to full two stories, adding several rooms for students (*Herald*, August 15, 1884)

Hockett, J.

Runs a flurry of advertisements for carpentry, building, painting foundations (*Herald*, March 3, 1908)

Hughes Brothers, stone masonry contractors:

William, Charles and Ben comprised this family partnership as of 1900. William, born in 1861 in New York was the oldest. Charles was born in Iowa in 1867 and Ben in the same state in 1865. William and wife Connie, lived at 708 Elm; Charlie and wife Connie at 380 Main, and Ben and wife Edith, lived at 243 Hamilton, as of 1900.

Foundation for George Mart's new house, West Street (*Herald*, Sept. 21, 1897)
Foundation for seven-room cottage for D. W. Norris, 5th & Spring (*Herald*, Sept. 21, 1897)

Inman, Grant, house carpenter:

Grant Inman was born in Iowa in 1864 and married wife Sarah (born in Iowa in 1871) in 1892. They lived at 408 Broad Street as of 1900. He was active as late as 1910 when he was listed in the 1910 city directory (p. 61, no address). He broke an ankle falling from a scaffold working on the Spaulding plant (*Herald*, October 31, 1905). Partnered with ___ Messer as of 1886.

Inman & Messer, have secured rights to lay cement walks, "the article will none the worse for home protection:" (*Herald*, July 30, 1886)
Carpentry work for Milo Morgan's new house, South Broad St. (*Herald*, Sept. 11, 1894)
Refitting old Spaulding foundry (added second floor, new interior) (*Herald*, April 16, 1901)
Builds new planing mill, sash and door plant for own use (two story brick, 40x80 with boiler wing), first factory building to use local concrete block (*Herald*, February 16, 1904)

Jacob Brothers:

They were listed in the 1910 city directory (p. 61, 1321 Summer St.).

James, H. A., carpenter

Barn for Eugene Fisher (Herald, Aug. 21, 1894)

Jones & Stewart:

The *Herald* (January 17, 1878) listsas builders.

Judkins, Frank, house mover

Advertisement, moves houses and does well work, *Herald*, August 3, 1984

Kellogg, R. M., carpenter:

The *Herald* (January 17, 1878) lists him as a carpenter.
Mrs. Rew's North Broad St. house, Kellogg builds addition (*Herald*, April 22, 1887)
H. P. Proctor Block, (post-1889 fire), Wessell & Duffin, carpentry, also Kellogg (*Herald*, January 3, 1890)
New City Hall, (post-1889 fire) (*Herald*, January 3, 1890) (Kellogg as Councilman is general superintendent of construction)

Lewis, Justus P., draughtsman/architect

1878 City Directory, residence/office West between 6th and 7th

Lewis & Proctor (Grinnell?):

Contract for municipal gas plant, Elmore, MN, $10,000 (*Herald*, September 1, 1903)

Larrabee, A. J., Architect and builder

1878 City Directory, residence/office Broad and 7th

Longshore, John

The *Herald* (January 17, 1878) lists him as a carpenter. The 1878 Grinnell City Directory lists as a carpenter, on West between 4th and 5th avenues.

Rebuilds burned barn for D. M Woodward, 50x60 (*Herald*, August 9, 31, 1886)
Buildings A. C. Thompson's "Red Light Restaurant" on Main Street (*Herald*, November 29, 1898)

Manning, D. H., carpenter:

Builds own house, 1005 High Street (*Herald*, June 26, 1894). He was born in 1869 and lived with wife Ellen at that address as fo 1900.

Manson, __ B., contractor:

Early builder, credited with building first two-story, double store building (*Herald*, August 24, 1900)

Miller, _____:

Raises old portion of A. J. Miller res., High Street to make full two stories, adds rooms for students (*Herald*, August 15, 1884)

Mitchell, J. S. (Grinnell?):

Searsboro Methodist Episcopal Church addition to north side (*Herald*, May 22, 1903)

Mortland, R. L., bridge builder

Herald, July 27, 1897)

Owens, C. R.:

Advertises house moving and raising (*Herald*, May 19, 1914)

Palmer, A. H., contractor.

Washington Twp. Schoolhouse, $605. (*Herald*, May 21, 1897)

Penfield, Charles G., builder/carpenter[h]

Listed in the 1878 Grinnell City Directory, located at Main and 8th. The *Herald* (January 17, 1878) lists him as a carpenter.

Penfield & Powell, contractors:

They are is listed in the 1880-81 Iowa State Gazettere as carpenters.

Advertisement, 1878 Grinnell City Directory

Porter, F. W., contractor

E. H. Bartzell house west of city (Herald, July 23, 1897)

Porter, J. H., carpenter:

The *Herald* (January 17, 1878) lists him as a carpenter.

Powell, John C.:

The *Herald* (January 17, 1878) lists him as a carpenter. He is listed in the 1880-81 Iowa State Gazettere as a carpenter.

M. Chafee Building, Commercial Street (post-1889 fire), carpentry, $4,500 (*Herald*, January 3, 1890)

Roberts, S. T., Des Moines contractor:

"whose home was in Grinnell a couple of years" (*Herald*, August 23, 1898)

Rebuilt most of the buildings in Brooklyn in 1894, visits in Grinnell (*Herald*, January 29, 1895).
Carney Bros. lumber shed (*Herald*, August 23, 1898)
Carney Bros. lumber shed addition, 25x88 (*Herald*,January 25, 1898)
Des Moines warehouse for Nichols & Shepard Co. of Battle Creek, $16,662 (*Herald*, August 23, 1898)

Ross, R. C., concrete block manufacturer and contractor:

The Ross family owned and operated the Grinnell Stone Company, which produced colored and ornamental concrete block. Necessarily, its few whole-house building efforts are self-identifying.

R. C. Ross House, 1114 Broad Street, 1905
815 7th Avenue, c.1900

Sampson, George//Sampson & Streck(1898)/Sampson & Son (1902), brick mason

He is listed in the 1878 Grinnell City Directory, then being located on East Street south of the railroad. He moved his office into the former drayage office of E. W. Crusan, on Commercial Street (*Herald*, January 11, 1895). He appears in the 1894/1895 Grinnell City Directory, located at 723 East Street. He was active as late as 1910 when he was listed in the 1910 city directory (p. 61, 717 East.Street).

H. C. Hyatt residence, Main and Washington, foundation (*Herald*, May 23, 1884)
G. M. C. Hatch tenement, West St., Sampson to use 2,700 square yards of plaster (*Herald*, June 10, 1884)
Builds neat brick residence 723 East St. apparently for own use, East St. north of Railroad, "it promises to be a little ahead of anything now in the city, as he is using pressed brick" (*Herald*, November 6, 1885)
Masonry work, residence for R. H. Hawkins, 43x55 with "swell ends" and bay window, Queen Anne and Gothic combination (*Herald*, May 14, 25, 1886)
"Arcihitect" of new cement pavement in front of Herald Office (*Herald*, October 8, 1886)
Cistern under north wing of Craver, Steele & Austin Header Works (*Herald*, November 16, 1886)
Employs 20-30 men, in past month rebuilt east end Ames Block, put in foundation, walls for 60x20 tin shop, put up walls of Herald Building, has another gang at work in county, contract for Baptist Church (*Herald*, August 2, 1889)
Masonry work (not foundation), A. O. Clubine & C. G. Capp Building (*Herald*, August 2, 1889)
Foundation, Baptist Church (*Herald*, August 2, 1889)
Foster & Bailey Agricultural Implement Warehouse, Commercial and Main, St. Louis Pressed Brick front, (post-1889 fire) masonry (starts work on F&B, *Herald*, October 25, 1889; *Herald*, January 3, 1890)
Herald Building, (post-1889 fire) masonry, pressed brick front with metal cornice, Reedy Elevator, (*Herald*, January 3, 1890)
M. Chafee Building, Commercial Street (post-1889 fire) masonry, St. Louis Pressed Brick and metal cornice, $4,500 (*Herald*, January 3, 1890)
George Mack Building, Commercial and Broad (post-1889 fire) masonry (*Herald*, January 3, 1890)

Buys and remodels Hobart property for self (*Herald*, October 28, 1890)
Works on new hotel, *Herald*, August 3, 1894
J. C. Manly's brick block, 4th Avenue (two stories, 75x25, 9' high cellar) (*Herald*, April 4, 1898)
Masonry repairs, Baptist Church (*Herald*, July 11, 1902)
F. P. Marvin res. opposite water works (*Herald*, September 3, 1901)
Source of brick and likely the masonry contractor for the Uncle Sam Club (*Herald*, July 8, 1902)
Masonry, United Presbyterian Church, 5th Avenue (*Herald*, September 28, 1906)

Sargent, Thomas, carpenter:

The *Herald* (January 17, 1878) lists him as a carpenter.

Sargent, W. W., carpenter:

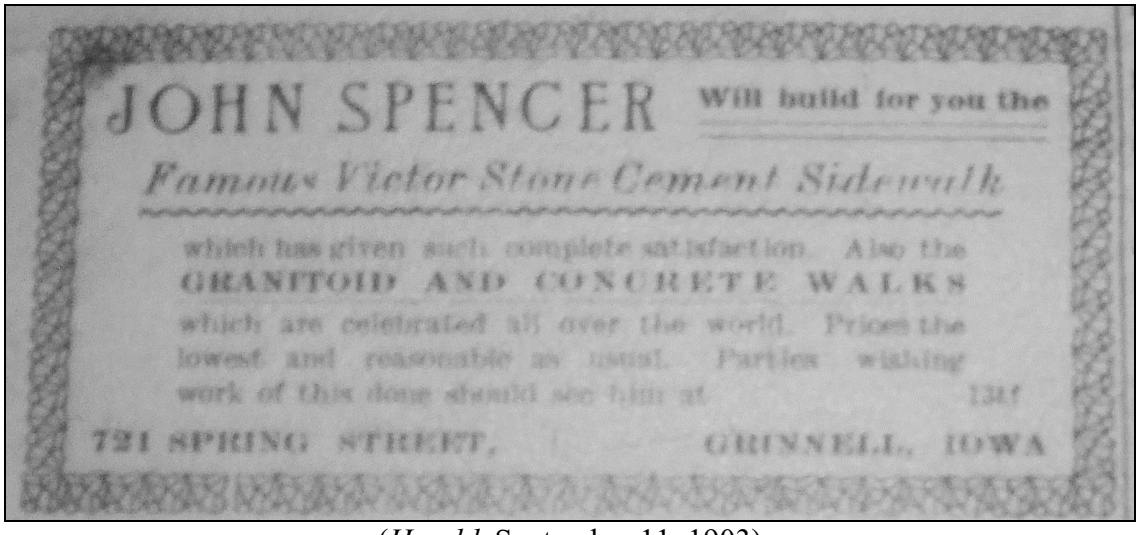
Said to have come from Stafford, Iowa, c.1880, owned 1215 Broad Street at the time of the cyclone

Seiberth, Jno., carpenter:

The *Herald* (January 17, 1878) lists him as a carpenter.

Spencer, John, concrete walks:

Lays concrete and granitoid walks beginning in 1902. Has full summer workload (*Herald*, April 3, 1903). He was active as late as 1910 when he was listed in the 1910 city directory (p. 61, 509 East Street). In 1907, Spencer attended the meeting of the National Negro Business League in Topeka, Kansas, where he spoke on the subject of "Stone Contracting and Building." His talk was a part of a more general self-help educational movement that encouraged entrepreneurship on the part of African-Americans (*Herald*, June 6, August 14, 1907).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(*Herald*, September 11, 1903)

Stafford, Thomas, mason:

Apparent builder of brick cottage at 1215 Broad Street, 1867

Steward, Will:

To superintend new porch work, A. L. Child res., 1226 Broad (*Herald*, September 9, 1890)

Stickle, C. S., builder/carpenter

Listed in the 1878 Grinnell City Directory, located at Main and 6th. The *Herald* (January 17, 1878) lists Stickle & Boldrick. He is listed in the 1880-81 Iowa State Gazettere as a carpenter as C. S. Stickle. He presented his carpenter's square to "Joe The Carver" apparently symbolizing his retirement in late 1905. At that time he was termed "one of the best known contractors here" and that many of his buildings still stood (*Herald*, November 3, 1905).

First high school

Stowe, William W., stone mason contractor:

Stowe was born in 1853 and married wife Lucy (born 1862) in 1883. They lived at 533 High Street as of 1900. He appears in the 1894/1895 Grinnell City Directory, located at 1st and High. He was active as late as 1910 when he was listed in the 1910 city directory (p. 61, 533 High Street). Advertises "If you wish your house raised or foundation built call Phone 15-W. W. Stowe" (*Herald*, May 16, 1905)

Buys Guile Johnson res. sw cor. 1st and High, remodels for own residence (*Herald*, May 27, September 16, 1890)
Foundation for store and half house for Mrs. Rushworth, Stewart's Addn. (*Herald*, Aug. 4, 1896)

Streck, Philip/Bonebright & Streck, carpenter-contractor:

Streck was born in Missouri in 1857, and married Rose (born 1866) in 1890. They lived at 521 Main Street as of 1900. He appears in the 1894/1895 Grinnell City Directory. He purchased the former Header Works office building on 4th Avenue and turned it into a sash and door factory (*Herald*, February 9, 1894). He was active as late as 1910 when he was listed in the 1910 city directory (p. 61, 1204 Broad Street).

Interior work, Church as Bonebright & Streck (*Herald*, June 20, 1890)
Carpentry, George Agard House, north end East Street (*Herald*, February 21, 1890 (returns from long trip and starts work on same, ibid. March 25)
Interior trim for L. M. Smith residence, near Maple Grove (*Herald*, May 20, 1893)
Capt. Spencer's new house done, and turned over to the owner "It is one of the best houses in the city and like all of Phil's work was put up in an artistic and workmanlike manner" (*Herald*, April 11, 1893)
Seven-room cottage for D. W. Norris, 5th & Spring (*Herald*, Sept. 21, 1897)
Cole Residence, east of city (*Herald*, February 17, 1899)
Frame sample room (20x40) for Chapin House (*Herald*, January 30, 1903)
E. S. Bartlett double house, north side 5th near State Street (*Herald*, March 31, 1905)

Interior Telephone Company Building, 25x70, one story on high basement (*Herald*, September 3, 1912)

Terrell, P. A., carpenter-contractor:

Uncle Sam Club, $3,200 (*Herald*, July 8, 1902)
Grinnell Automobile and Garage Company garage, located west of Capitol Theatre, single-story frame with fireproof iron exterior cladding, 30 feet by 80 feet, finished next week (*Herald*, March-April, 1905)
Carpentry, United Presbyterian Church, 5th Avenue (*Herald*, September 28, 1906)
House for P. G. Norris, 5th & Elm (*Herald*, May 5, 1908)

Triplett, Art:

Builds temporary house fall 1889, S. High Street, replaces with substantial residence, 1899 house to serve as carpentry shop (*Herald*, February 18, 1890)

Triplett, Howard L., carpenter

He appears in the 1894/1895 Grinnell City Directory. In early 1900 he partnered with Henry Sage and J. A. Anderson. "All the men are experienced mechanics and have had a hand in constructing many of Grinnell's best houses and blocks." He was active as late as 1910 when he was listed in the 1910 city directory (p. 61, 719 Park Street) (*Herald*, January 26, 1900).

To Brooklyn this week to superintend new building for his father (*Herald* April 23, 1890)
Works on new hotel (*Herald*, August 3, 1894)
Interior trimwork, new woman's gymnasium, Iowa College Campus (*Herald*, June 29, August 3, 1897)
Men's Gymnasium, Iowa College (*Herald*, March 3, 1899)
New store for A. H. Sherman, New Sharon (*Herald*, January 17, 1902)
Glove Factory addition, 27x40 (*Herald*, February 6, 13, 1900)
Addition to Mears Cottage, Iowa College, three-story brick, 43x48, superintends construction (*Herald*, June 30, 1903)
Mrs. Martha L. Pierson's house, 1429 Park (*Herald*, July 16, 1901)
Dr. L. G. Lemley House, 1333 Broad Street (Proudfoot &Bird, architects), 1914 (*Herald*, July 24, 1914)
Buys, moves and remodels the J. B. Grinnell Homestead, transforms into three-unit bungalow (*Herald*, March 17, 1914)
Grinnell Aeroplane Company Hangar at Spaulding Field, northwest of city (*Herald*, April 13, 1915)

Tuttle, M., carpenter:

The *Herald* (January 17, 1878) lists him as a carpenter.

Wallace, Jno., carpenter:

The *Herald* (January 17, 1878) lists him as a carpenter.

Wallace, Warren, carpenter:

The *Herald* (January 17, 1878) lists him as a carpenter.

Wessell, Charles W.:

The *Herald* (January 17, 1878) lists him as a carpenter. He appears in the 1878 Grinnell City Directory, on 6th with C. S. Stickle, and in the 1894/1895 Grinnell City Directory, as C. W. Wessell, located at 6th and Spencer. He was one of two carpenters to be listed in the 1882-83 Iowa State Gazettere. By mid-1888 he is residing in Des Moines, but was in the city "looking after pointers on Grinnell's building boom" (*Herald*, June 12, 1888). Not found, 1900 census.

Buys 5 acres from Chas. Hamlin mid-1884, builds nice house, NW city (*Herald*, August 26, 1884)
Rufus Ricker House, West city (*Herald*, May 17, 1889)
Lewis Cass and H. D. Works Block, Broad & Commercial (post-1889 fire), Wessell & Duffin, carpentry (*Herald*, January 3, 1890)
H. P. Proctor Block, (post-1889 fire), Wessell & Duffin, carpentry (*Herald*, January 3, 1890)
Carpentry work, Beyer's Block addition (*Herald*, April 16, 1897)
Clark & Jenkin's Lumber shed (*Herald*, January 1, 1901)

Wheeler, James J.:

The *Herald* (January 17, 1878) lists him as a carpenter. He is listed in the 1880-81 Iowa State Gazettere as a carpenter.

Wheelock, H. T., carpenter:

The *Herald* (January 17, 1878) lists him as a carpenter.

Wilson, John S., Carpenter:

He was listed in the 1910 city directory (p. 61, 927 Summer Street). This was the only local firm to be included on the bidder's list for the new college women's dormitories in 1914 (*Herald*, February 27, 1914).

Stewart Library (*Herald*, May 13, 1902).
4th Avenue Building for Haines & Lymann/John Skabel) (*Herald*, February 1, 1899)

Wiltamuth, Nicholas:

We have these attributions although Nick was a grocer as of 1900, living with wife Minnie at 915 West Street. He was aged 47, she 46. He was active as late as 1910 when he was listed in the 1910 city directory (p. 61, 1511 Broad Street).

1509 Broad (1900) and 1515 Broad (1911)

Wolsey, T. C.,masonry contractor/builder:

The 1894/1895 Grinnell City Directory places his office at Ane and 8th. He did brick and stone work along with "cement" sidewalks.

House Movers:

Allen, E. W.

He appears in the 1894/1895 Grinnell City Directory, located at 925 Pearl.

Bonebright, George, house mover

See *Herald*, June 11, 1894

Hill, Henry, pioneer house mover:

Moved Henry Altig's building from Westfield/Lattimer's Grove to new Grinnell, used 14 head of oxen with the building contents intact and Mrs. Altig cooking dinner en route (*Herald*, January 26, 1900).

Judkins, Frank.

He appears in the 1894/1895 Grinnell City Directory, located at 520 Spring. An ad for house moving and well work appears in the *Herald*, August 3, 1894.

Brickworks:

Brown, A. S.

The *Herald* (January 17, 1878) lists him as operating a brickyard.

Chapman, Lon:

Brick and tile manufacturer, East Grinnell (Herald, January 1, 1892).

Hobart, C.

The *Herald* (January 17, 1878) lists him as operating a brickyard to the northeast of the city.

McHose, S., Grinnell Brick and Tile Works:

S. McHose established the works in 1880 and started making soft "mud" brick. In 1885 he added tile production. Located one mile south of town as of late 1892, brick and tile works. 50,000 bricks fired by June 1, 200,000 more ready and 60,000 tile. He appears in the 1894/1895 Grinnell City Directory, located on the south end of town, near the Illinois Central Railroad tracks (*Herald*, Jan. 1, 1892; June 1, 1894). Produced soft brick in 1880, began to make tile 1885, as of end of 1905 work eight months a year producing brick, drain tile and hollow blocks (*Herald*, December 15, 1905).

By late 1905 the family was apparently tired of running the plant and city promoters wanted to increase its capacity. McHose had turned management over to his sons Arthur and Henry in 1900. By this time annual output was valued at $8,000 and products included half a million tile and 400,000 brick, operating with 10 employees eight months out of the year. Daily production was 10,000 three-inch drain tile or 20,000 brick. In late December 1905 investors formed a stock company called the Grinnell Brick and Tile Company. Capitalized at $35,000, the new company acquired the works for $7,300 and purchased ten additional acres immediately south. The engineering design firm of Richardson-Lovejoy Company, Columbus, Ohio, was contracted to design six new buildings and C. A. Smith was the first works manager (*Herald*, December 15, 1905; April 30, 1906).

Dale-Goodwin Brick Company

Contract for 400,000 brick for new opera house (*Des Moines Capital*, July 29, 1899)

Other:

_____, Council Bluffs Contractor:

Parker School, $8,244 (local papers declined to provide the name) (Des Moines *Daily News*, October 7, 1896; Des Moines Daily Iowa Capital,August 17, 1896)

American Construction Company, Newton:

City gas plant (brick) (*Herald*, May 25, 1909)

Bailey-[B. J.] Marsh Company, Minneapolis:

Recitation hall, Grinnell College (*Herald*, January 7, 1916)
Mears Cottage, R. V. Phelps supt. Of construction, 1914-15 (*Herald*, September 1, 1914)

Bailey & Rinefort/Rinefort Brothers (Plumbing & Heating Contractors):

Plumbing, County Farm (*Herald*, June 25, 1901)
Heating and plumbing, Wm. Manatt residence, Brooklyn (*Herald*, June 25, 1901)
Plumbing for moved and enlarged high school (*Herald*, July 21, 1903)

Brown & Zike, Cedar Rapids contractors:

C. R. Morse Building, Broad and 4th, pressed brick and stone front, $20,000 cost (post-1889 fire) (*Herald*, January 3, 1890)

Des Moines Bridge & Iron Company –

Contract for soft water plant, dam, stand pipe, pump for Grinnell Water Company (*Herald*, Sept. 16, 1902).

Errington, Arthur, Des Moines contractor:

J. L. Fellows House, N. Broad Street (identified when owner sued for non-fulfillment and unpaid mechanic's liens (*Herald*, October 22, 1916)

Gensch, Herman

Clark Memorial Fountain (*Herald*, June 6, 11, 23, 1911)

Guyer, John R., Conrad Grove:

Steeple for Congregational Church, also galleries (Herald, April 22, 1898)

Hall, Marcus, Cedar Rapids contractor:

His two known downtown contracts were both delayed by the non-arrival of face brick for the facades but he simply proceeded with the interior work (Herald, October 8, 1889).

Mrs. H. B. Scott Building (post-1889 fire) (*Herald*, October 8, 1889; January 3, 1890)
Fred and Ed Vest Bros. Building, pressed brick front, $5,000 cost (post-1889 fire) (*Herald*, October 8, 1889; January 3, 1890)

Herrick, Oliver P., Des Moines:

Septic tank system for water works, $7,239 (*Herald*, August 8, 1902)

Hink, Charles:

Unidentified as to place of residence or company, supervises construction of Grinnell Motor Car Co. garage (*Herald*, May 15, 1914)

Hiser, G. H.

Unidentified as to place of residence or company, builds Grinnell Buick Car Co. garage (*Herald*, May 15, 1914)

Horrabin, William, Iowa City paving contractor:

Second major city paving contract for 83,000 yards of bitulithic paving (*Herald*, June 8, 1915)

Iowa Engineering Company, Clinton:

West end sewer main and laterals, disposal plant and outlet designs (*Herald*, April 2, 1915)

Jaynes & Main, Des Moines:

Masonry contract, Mary Grinnell Mears Cottage, Iowa College (*Herald*, November 13, 1888)

Kahn Reinforced Concrete Construction Company, Kansas City:

Ward Field steel and concrete grandstand replaces 1895 grandstand. Engineer Shurman Kahn supervises construction (*Herald*, April 1, 12, 19, 1910)

Key City Roofing Company, Dubuque:

New roof on the Morse Block (*Herald*, July 14, 1899)

Maine, _____, Des Moines Contractor:

Served as masonry foreman on buildng of West Building, Iowa College (part of Mears) (*Herald*, June 12, 1888).
Masonry contract for new ladies boarding hall (Mears) (*Herald*, June 12, 1888).

Mardis, J. C., Des Moines Contractor:

Gifford-Manly Block (Elks Building) 4th and Main (see Coutts for foundation) (*Herald*, July 24, 1914)

J. P. Miller & Company, Chicago (well diggers)

First municipal deep water well, 1894 (*Herald*, July 12, 1901)
2100' second well, $9,000, started mid-August 1901 (*Herald*, July 12, 1901)

Nettcott Brothers:

St. Marys Roman Catholic Church, 1000 Broad Street, 1926 (Iowa SHPO files)

Palmer Brothers, Newburg, Carpenters:

Foster & Bailey Agricultural Implement Warehouse, Commercial and Main, St. Louis Pressed Brick front, (post-1889 fire) carpentry (*Herald*, January 3, 1890)

William F. Riley Construction Company, St. Louis:

West end sewer main and laterals (*Herald*, April 2, 1915)

Robbins, H., H., contractor:

Fills pond north of Spaulding plant (Herald, October 6, 1905)

Stahl, A., plumber:

P. G. Norris House, 5th & Elm (*Herald*, May 5, 1908)
Col. C. C. Kiel House, 8th & Summer (*Herald*, April 3, 1908)
H. H. Fleener House, NE city (*Herald*, May 1, 1908)
Jno. Schneckcloth residence, plumbing, Malcolm (*Herald*, July 21, 1908)

Smith, Guy F., Indianola:

North Grinnell Sewer, $5,232 (*Herald*, February 11, 1910)

J. W. Turner Improvement Company, Des Moines:

Sewage disposal plant and outlet (*Herald*, April 2, 1915; November 7, 1916)

Weitz [Rudolph] Construction Company, Des Moines:

The President's House/Grinnell House, 1011 Park, 1917
Darby Gymnasium, Grinnell College, 1942

Welsh, E. E., Waterloo:

Carpentry contract for new Hotel, 4th and Main streets (*Herald*, May 12, 1899)

White, F. X., Eldora:

Contractor for college chapel, interrupted on foundation work by winter, resumes in spring (*Herald*, November 25, 1905; April 6, 1906).

Zitterell, W. J., Webster City:

Contract for college Carnegie Library, $51,600, to start April 1, done by December 1 (*Herald*, March 4, 1902)

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